

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

JOSEPH MARTIN, )  
Petitioner, )  
v. ) No. 1:11-cv-1084-TWP-TAB  
EVANSVILLE PAROLE OFFICE, )  
Respondent. )

**Entry Discussing Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus**

Joseph Martin challenges a prison disciplinary proceeding conducted on April 3, 2008. Claiming that the challenged proceeding is constitutionally infirm, Martin has filed this action for a writ of habeas corpus. The action is before the court for its preliminary review pursuant to Rule 4 of the *Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings in the United States District Court*.

Martin has been down this path before. Specifically, Martin challenged the same disciplinary proceeding in *Martin v. Finnan*, No. 1:10-cv-792-LJM-DML (S.D.Ind. Nov. 10, 2010)(*Martin I*). This is known from consideration of the docket in that case. *In re Salem*, 465 F.3d 767 (7th Cir. 2006)(citing cases).

*Martin I* was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction because Martin, who was on parole, could not satisfy the “in custody” requirement of the federal habeas statute relative to the challenged proceeding. Martin is again on parole, and hence the prior adjudication is conclusive on that point. *Perry v. Sheahan*, 222 F.3d 309, 318 (7th Cir. 2000) (“A dismissal for lack of jurisdiction precludes relitigation of the issue actually decided, namely the jurisdictional issue.”)(citing *Magnus Electronics, Inc. v. La Republica Argentina*, 830 F.2d 1396, 1400 (7th Cir. 1987)). This means that the present action, for which no

authorization from the Court of Appeals has been supplied, must be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction as an unauthorized second or successive habeas application. *Harris v. Cotton*, 296 F.3d 578, 579 (7th Cir. 2002) (section 2244(b) of 28 U.S.C. applies to § 2254 petitions challenging sanctions imposed in prison disciplinary proceedings); see also *Burton v. Stewart*, 549 U.S. 147, 153 (2007) (stating that the district court was without jurisdiction to entertain the habeas petition because the petitioner failed to receive the required authorization from the Court of Appeals and had “twice brought claims contesting the same custody imposed by the same judgment of the state court.”); *United States v. Lloyd*, 398 F.3d 978, 979 (7th Cir. 2005).

Based on the foregoing, the action must be **dismissed for lack of jurisdiction**, and judgment consistent with this Entry shall now issue.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: 08/22/2011

  
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Hon. Tanya Walton Pratt, Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Indiana

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